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Central Intelligence Agency Interviews Interrupted by Student Demonstration

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Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) recruiters could not complete their scheduled interviews Wednesday, because of a student protest demonstration against their presence on campus.

The demonstration included a student petition, the distribution of "CIA Fact Sheet: What Will You Be Doing If You Join?", a picket line outside the Student Center where the interviews were taking place, and a sit-in blocking the entrance to the interview room.

The Ad Hoc Committee Against CIA Recruitment at BC was formed earlier this month to plan the demonstration. The protesters were drawn largely from the campus chapters of Students for a Democratic Society, the W. E. B. DuBois Club, and Youth Against War and Fascism.

"The CIA will be on campus only because the administration has consented to their presence," the petition read. "We demand that the Central Intelligence Agency not be permitted to use Brooklyn College facilities as an extension of its recruiting program." The petition was signed by approximately 150 people.

The protesters claimed that the CIA has worked as an arm of the federal government in "overstepping" moral, legal and political bounds in countries such as Vietnam.

The picketers' placards read: "Cloak and dagger men out of BC"; "Unmask the CIA"; "Killers of the Congo out of BC"; "Mercenaries Not Wanted Here"; "They Poisoned Cuban Sugar"; and "Wanted: For Murder."

Fact sheets, composed of quotes from The New York Times, Ramparts magazine and Andrew Tully's CIA: The Inside Story, were distributed at the Hillel Place gate Monday. "You cannot morally join the CIA," the sheet stated.

The CIA recruiters began their interviews in the Student Center, Wednesday, at 10 a.m. At 12 noon a picket line formed outside the building and a sit-in blocked the passage to room 303, the interview room. Despite the blockage, some interviews were conducted.



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Student picketers outside the Student Center.

When the interviewers went to that suit the qualifications our lunch, they were followed by the students have," said Mrs. Helen Halpern of the Career Information and Placement Center.

Stephen Shreefter, a demonstrator, said, "Should the CIA have the right to recruit on campus? Should the American Nazi Party have the right to recruit on campus? They have a right to speak, but not to recruit, for then Brooklyn College is a training ground for the CIA."

According to Professor Roberta Baker of the placement center, the CIA recruiter is scheduled to return to the campus in the spring. As for those students who were not interviewed, Dr. Baker said, "they will be followed up."

As the interviewers tried to continue their work, two campus guards were asked to stand by. The students were told by Associate Dean Max Siegel that, as long as they were quiet, and allowed the other work in the counseling office to continue, they could stay. However, the CIA recruiters left shortly without completing their scheduled interviews.

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